

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A light emitting device which comprises a phosphor and a semiconductor light emitting element,

wherein the phosphor has  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  as a luminescent center ion, wherein a minimum emission intensity of the phosphor within the excitation wavelength range of 380 nm to 410 nm in an excitation spectrum is 65% or more of a maximum emission intensity, and wherein the phosphor has an emission efficiency at 400 nm of 20% or more, and

wherein the semiconductor light emitting element emits light in the region from near-ultraviolet light to visible light.

Claim 2 (Original): The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein said phosphor is a phosphor having a maximum emission intensity of 3 times or more the intensity of a peak around 465 nm which is in an excitation band of the f-f transition of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ , in the excitation spectrum.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The light emitting device according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said phosphor is a fluorescent complex having  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ .

Claim 4 (Original): The light emitting device according to claim 3, wherein said phosphor is a fluorescent complex containing an aromatic group in a ligand.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The light emitting device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein said phosphor is in a solid state.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The light emitting device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, which emits white light.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The light emitting device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein said semiconductor light emitting element is a laser diode or light emitting diode, which emits light having a peak wavelength ranging from 370 nm to 470 nm.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The light emitting device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein an ultraviolet shielding treatment is performed so that said phosphor is not irradiated with ultraviolet rays of 350 nm or less.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A lighting system which comprises the light emitting device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An image display unit which comprises the light emitting device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1.

Claim 11 (New) The light emitting device according to claim 1, which further comprises a blue phosphor and a green phosphor together with the phosphor.

Claim 12 (New) The light emitting device according to claim 1, which further comprises an inorganic phosphor together with the phosphor.

Claim 13 (New) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the semiconductor light emitting element is a GaN-based emitting diode.

Claim 14 (New) A phosphor which has  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  as a luminescent center ion, wherein a minimum emission intensity of the phosphor within the excitation wavelength range of 380 nm to 410 nm in an excitation spectrum is 65% or more of a maximum emission intensity, and the phosphor has an emission efficiency at 400 nm of 20% or more.

Claim 15 (New) A resin composition comprising the phosphor according to claim 14.